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Japanese Encephalitis
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of Japanese Encephalitis cases reported during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for monitoring and supervision of Japanese Encephalitis;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the shortcoming identified by the said Committee in measures taken for prevention of Japanese Encephalitis; and

(e) the necessary measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): State-wise number of JE cases in last three years is annexed.

(b) to (d): Yes, a Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) was constituted for monitoring and supervision of the measures for implementation of intervention/activities for prevention and control of Japanese Encephalitis (JE)/ Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) on 15.03.2013.

Shortcomings identified by the Committee were

1. Poor coverage for JE vaccination under Routine Immunization (RI), and
2. Identification of non JE aetiology of AES

(e): Measures taken by the Government:
1. Advisories issued to States to improve vaccination coverage under Routine Immunization. This has been emphasized during reviews and monitoring visits to the State.

2. Scrub Typhus, Bacterial Meningitis, Malaria, Dengue have been identified as important non JE aetiology of AES.

Other Steps taken by Government of India for prevention of Japanese Encephalitis:
? Constitution of National Programme for Prevention and Control of JE/AES to reduce morbidity, mortality and disability due to JE/AES.

? Number of Sentinel Sites have been increased from 51 in 2005 to 130 at present

? Apex Referral Laboratories increased from 12 to 15.

? JE vaccination campaign in children (1-15 yrs) completed in 207 out of 231 JE endemic districts. JE vaccination campaign ongoing in 9 districts in Jharkhand. Campaign is planned in 15 districts in 2017-18.

? Adult vaccination: Out of 31 districts identified adult vaccination (15-65 years) campaign completed in 27 districts in Assam, West Bengal and UP and is ongoing in 4 districts of Assam.

? Establishment of Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) in priority districts.

? Establishment of department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PMR) in identified Medical Colleges.